How to become a Dragon

- EPISODE 136 -

HUH?
OH, UM...
SUN JEONG...

STEP
STEP

SHE'S BEEN IGNORING MY TEXTS FOR THE LONGEST TIME, BUT SHE SUDDENLY SENT THIS...
MAYBE IT WAS AN ACCIDENT?
Sun Jeong
Hey
Are you
noring me?

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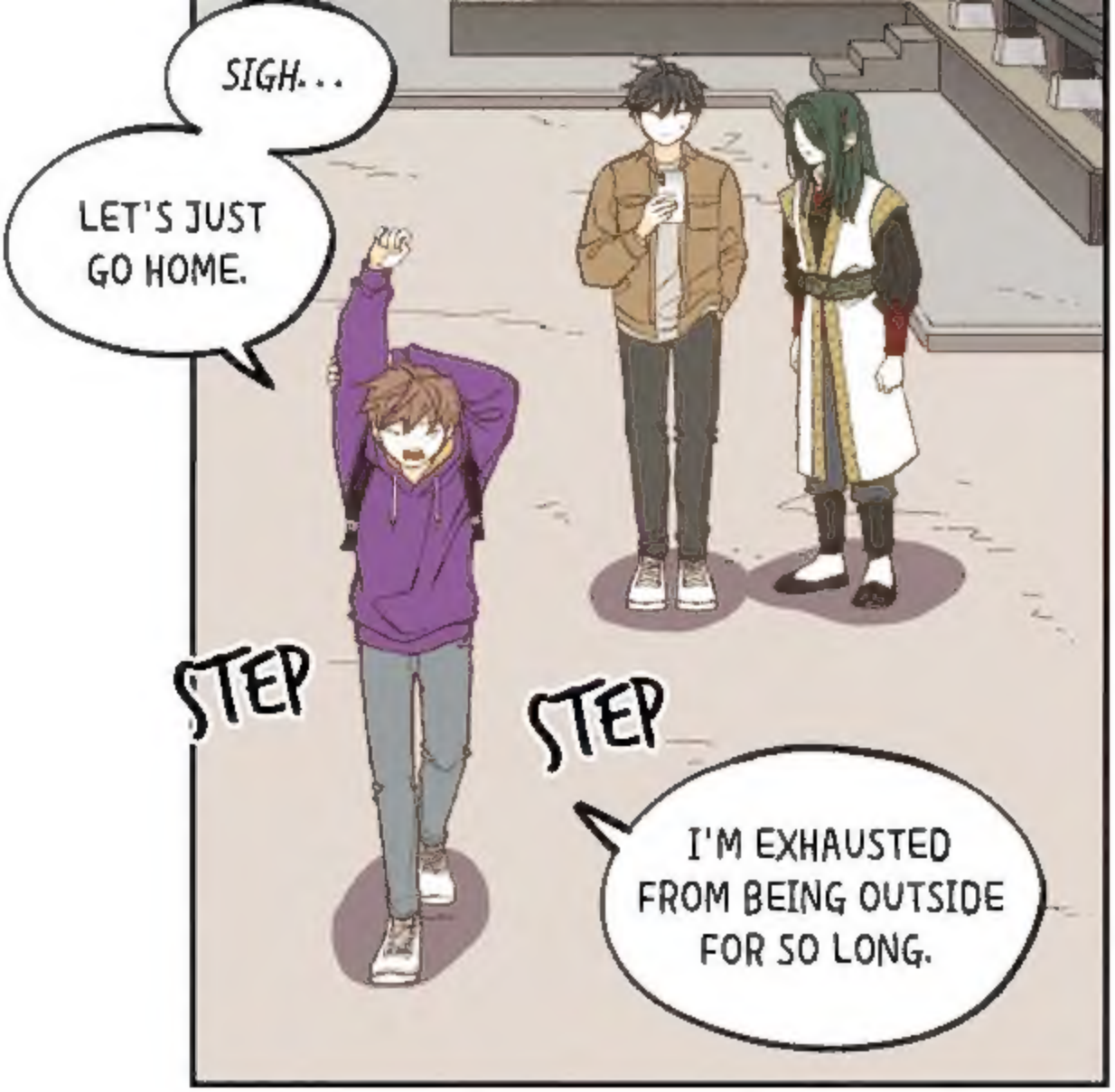
WHAT, YOU'RE NOT IGNORING ME ANYMORE?

IT REALLY MUST HAVE BEEN AN ACCIDENT.
SILENT
...
SHE'S NOT RESPONDING.


SIGH...
LET'S JUST GO HOME.
STEP
STEP
I'M EXHAUSTED FROM BEING OUTSIDE FOR SO LONG.

WE'RE IN YANGPYEONG, SO WE SHOULD TAKE A TAXI HOME.

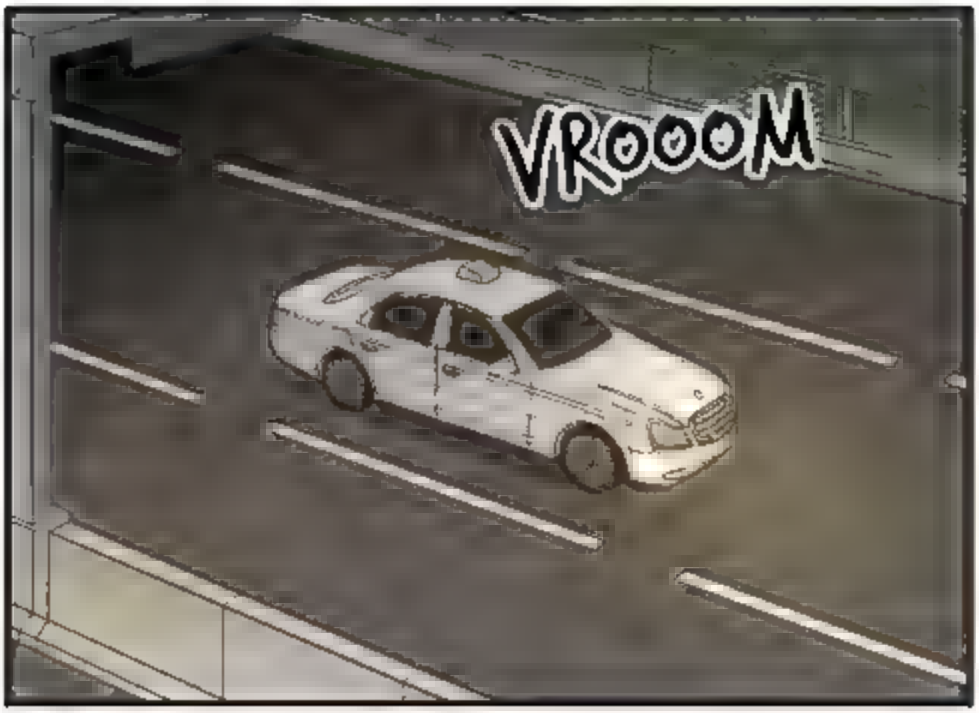
...
STARE
...

...
HEY, ARE YOU COMING?

H-HEY, LET'S GO GET SOMETHING TO EAT.
IT'S SAD TO JUST LEAVE LIKE THIS.
SAD...? SINCE WHEN DID YOU EVER CARE ABOUT THAT KIND OF THING?
NO THANKS, I'M TIRED.

I'M GONNA GET MEAT.
PRIME BEEF.
WOW, I WAS FEELING SUPER HUNGRY, ACTUALLY!
ZOOM
LET'S GO, LET'S GO!

ARE YOU GOING TO PAY FOR THE TAX, TOO? THIS IS IMPORTANT
LET'S TAKE SEPARATE TAXIS SINCE THERE ARE SO MANY OF US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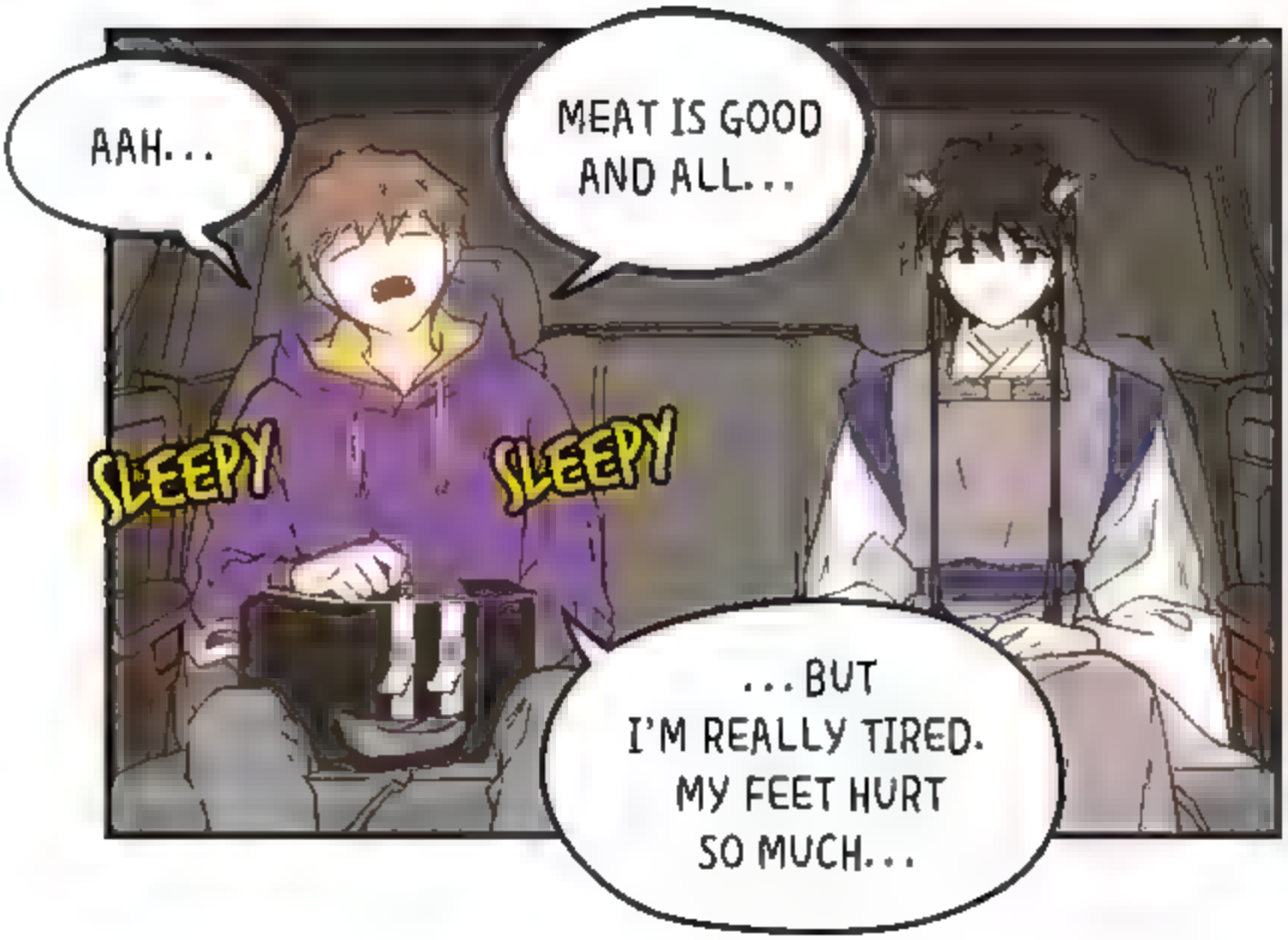
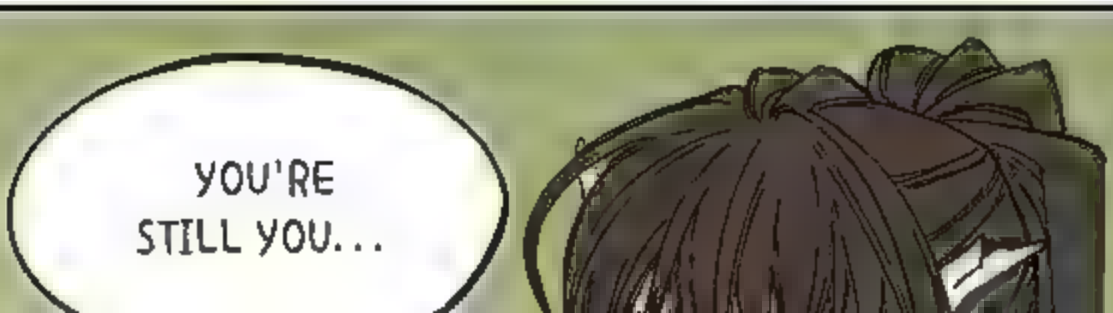

AAH...
MEAT IS GOOD AND ALL...
SLEEPY
SLEEPY
...BUT I'M REALLY TIRED. MY FEET HURT SO MUCH...

BUT HE SAID IT WAS PRIME BEEF, SO...

GLANCE

PINCH
!

OW!
OWWWW...
STREEETCH
W-WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?


YOU'RE STILL YOU...

ACHE
HMM?
UM...
DID YOU MAKE UP WITH DAMSEOL?

IN THE CAVE...
...DAMSEOL GAVE ME HER BLOOD...
...AND SAID SHE WAS SORRY.

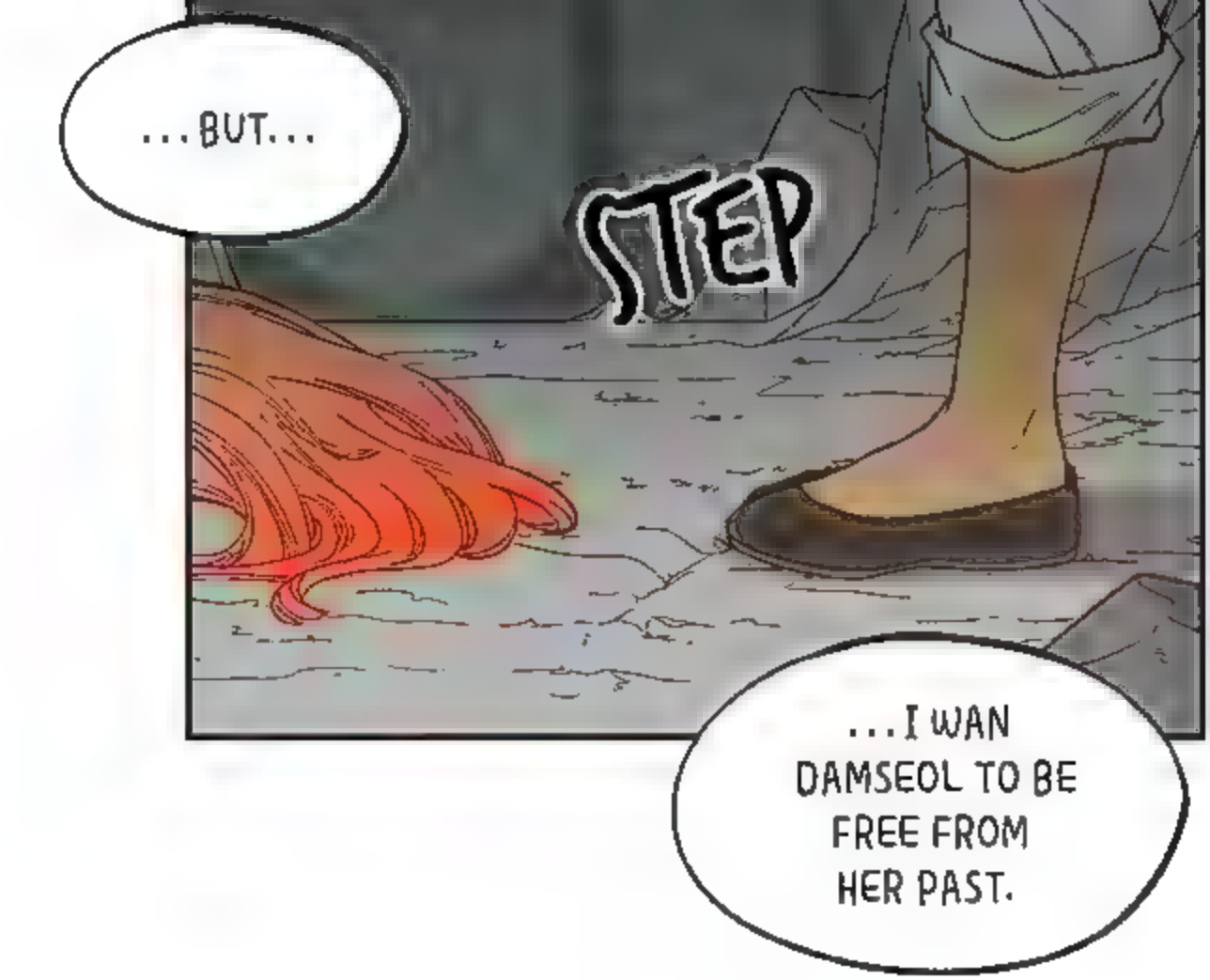
I THOUGHT I WAS THE ONLY ONE IN PAIN...
...AND THE ONLY ONE WHO WAS HURT...
...BUT DAMSEOL WAS SUFFERING MORE THAN ME.

WHEN WE WENT TO FIND GUAHM'S TONGUE...
...WE WERE SCOLDED TERRIBLY BY THE SAMJEONG

MOUNTAIN SPIRIT, RIGHT?

BUT
THIS TIME...
...EVEN
IF IT MEANS
I DON'T KNOW
MY PLACE...
...I WANT TO
HELP DAMSEOL
AGAIN.

I'M SURE THE MOUNTAIN SPIRIT...
...WOULD CALL ME AS PATHETIC AS EVER...


...BUT...
STEP
...I WAN DAMSEOL TO BE FREE FROM HER PAST.

I WANT HER TO HEAL HER INTERNAL SCARS...

...AND FORGET ABOUT THE HATE SHE RECEIVED OVER A MISUNDERSTANDING.

YEAH.

ONCE YOU BECOME A DRAGON, DAMSEOL WILL FEEL LESS GUILTY.

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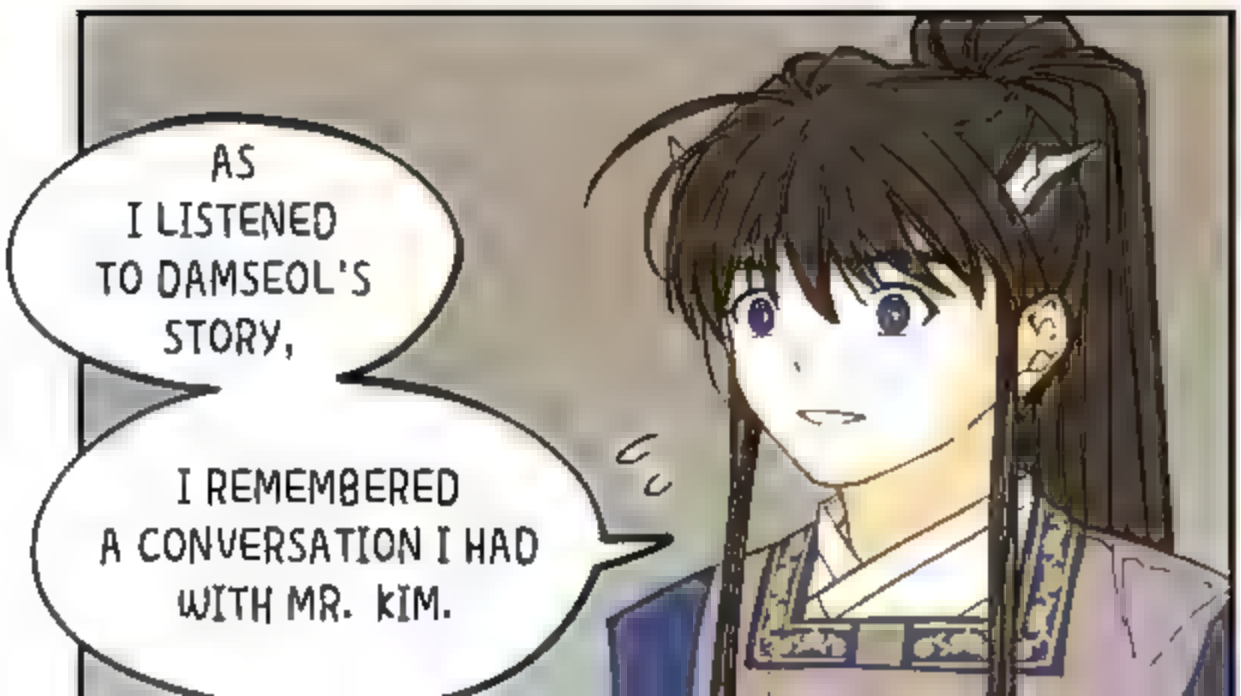
STRANGELY,
I GAIN MORE STRENGTH WHEN I FEEL THAT I HAVE TO HELP SOMEONE...
...INSTEAD OF HATE THEM.

LORD YISHIMI...
...CALLED IT ARROGANCE...

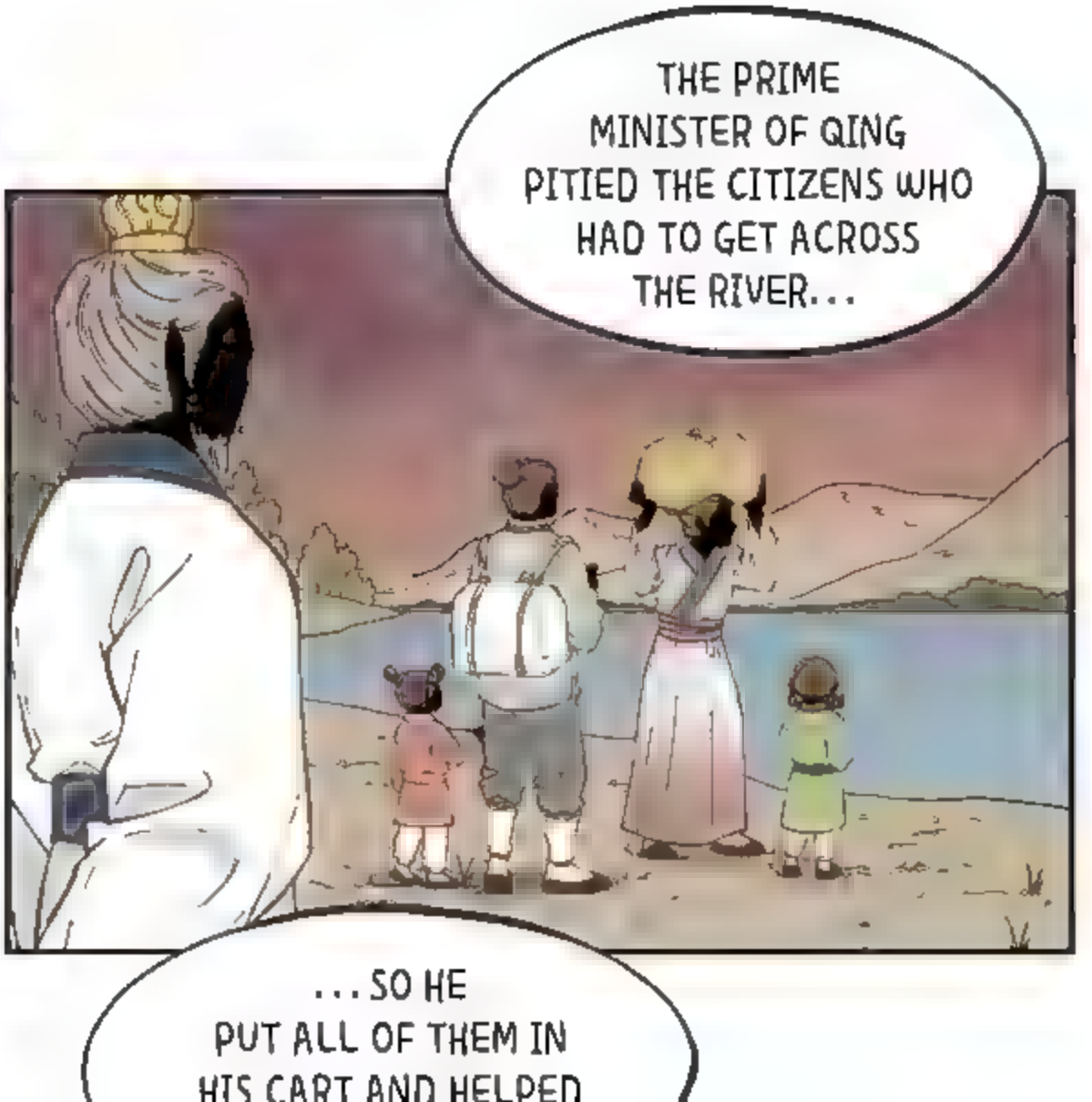
BUT WHEN I THOUGHT OF YOU AND DAMSEOL...
...I FELT LIKE I WOULDN'T FAIL THE THIRD EXAM.

W...

WHY ME?
BECAUSE YOUR KARMA IS THE MOST IMPORTANT!


AS I LISTENED TO DAMSEOL'S STORY,
I REMEMBERED A CONVERSATION I HAD WITH MR. KIM.

HE TOLD ME
A STORY...
...ABOUT
HOW A KIND LEADER
CANNOT BE A GOOD
POLITICIAN.


THE PRIME MINISTER OF QING PITIED THE CITIZENS WHO HAD TO GET ACROSS THE RIVER...
...SO HE PUT ALL OF THEM IN HIS CART AND HELPED

THEM CROSS...

...BUT INSTEAD OF DRIVING EACH PERSON ACROSS...
...IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER FOR HIM TO JUST BUILD A BRIDGE.

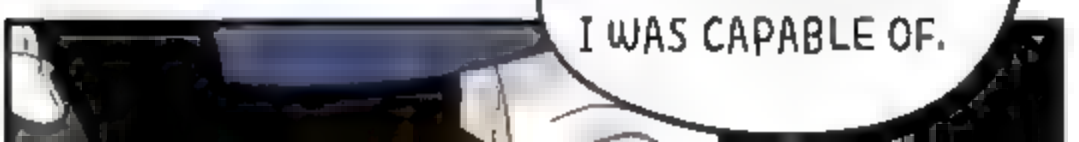
INSTEAD OF DOING SMALL ACTS OF KINDNESS...
...IT'S BETTER TO LOOK AT THE BIGGER PICTURE AND FIND A SOLUTION TO THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM.

IF I WAS THE PRIME MINISTER,

AND I SAW SOMEONE WHO WANTED TO CROSS THE RIVER...

...I WOULD HAVE CARRIED THEM ACROSS AS MANY TIMES AS THEY NEEDED, EVEN IF IT MEANT GETTING MY OWN FEET WET...

...BECAUSE IT WAS SOMETHING I WAS CAPABLE OF.



EVEN IF
IT WAS FRUSTRATING,
THAT WAS THE ONLY
METHOD I KNEW.
BUT YOU...

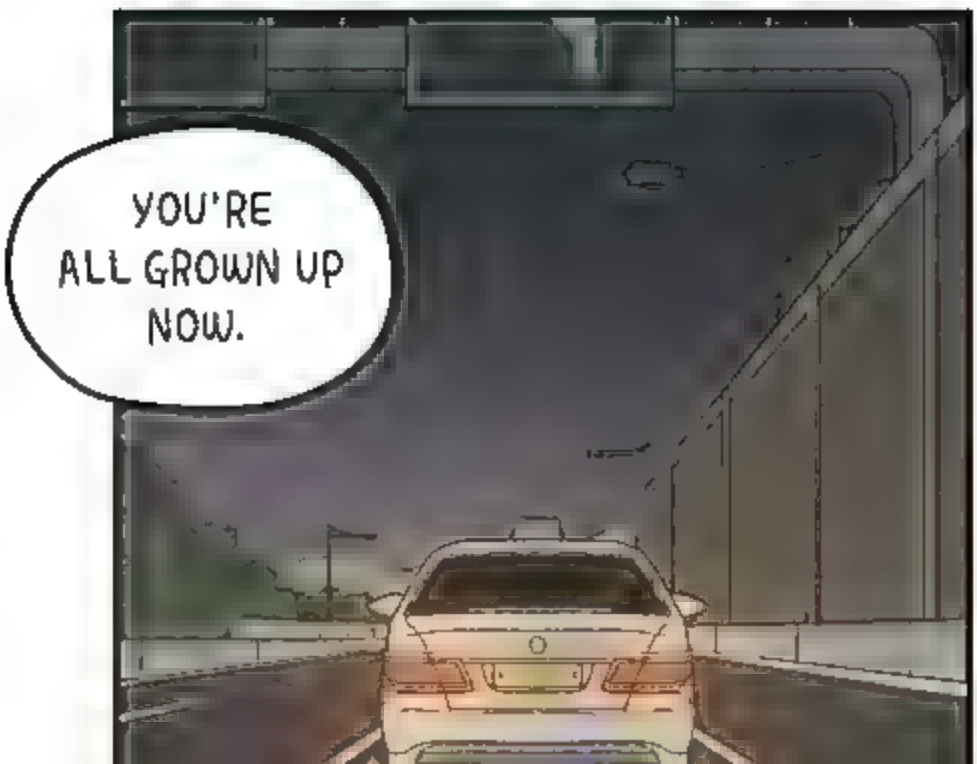
YOU TAUGHT ME HOW TO BUILD A BRIDGE.
YOU TAUGHT ME HOW TO HELP IN A BIGGER WAY...
...WITHOUT HURTING MYSELF.

I'M STILL UNFAMILIAR WITH A LOT OF THINGS...
...AND I STILL HAVE A LOT TO LEARN...

...BUT I WANT YOU TO GET WHAT YOU WANT...
...AND I WANT DAMSEOL TO STOP BEING IN SO MUCH PAIN.

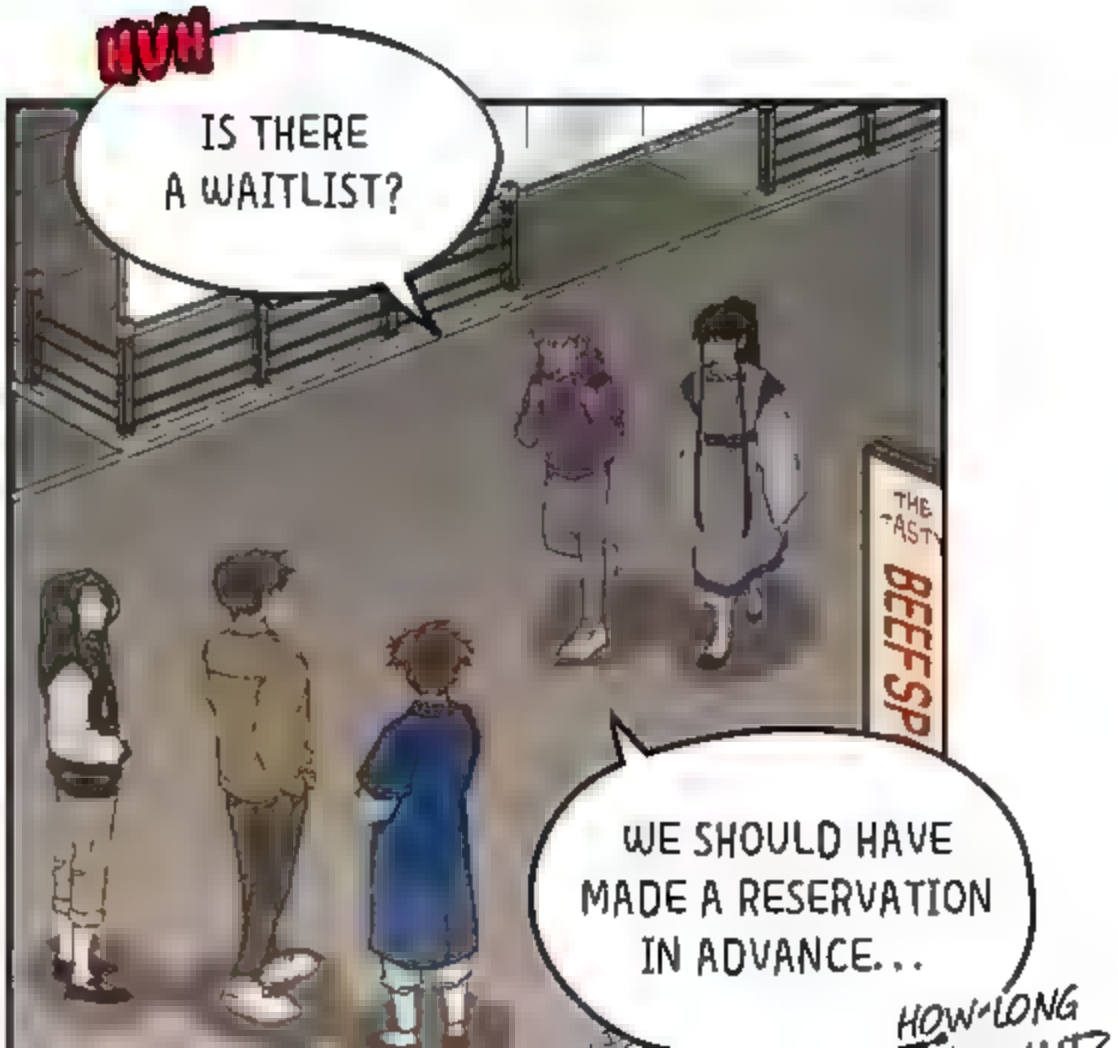
SO...

I'LL DO MY BEST!
FOR MY PRECIOUS FRIENDS.

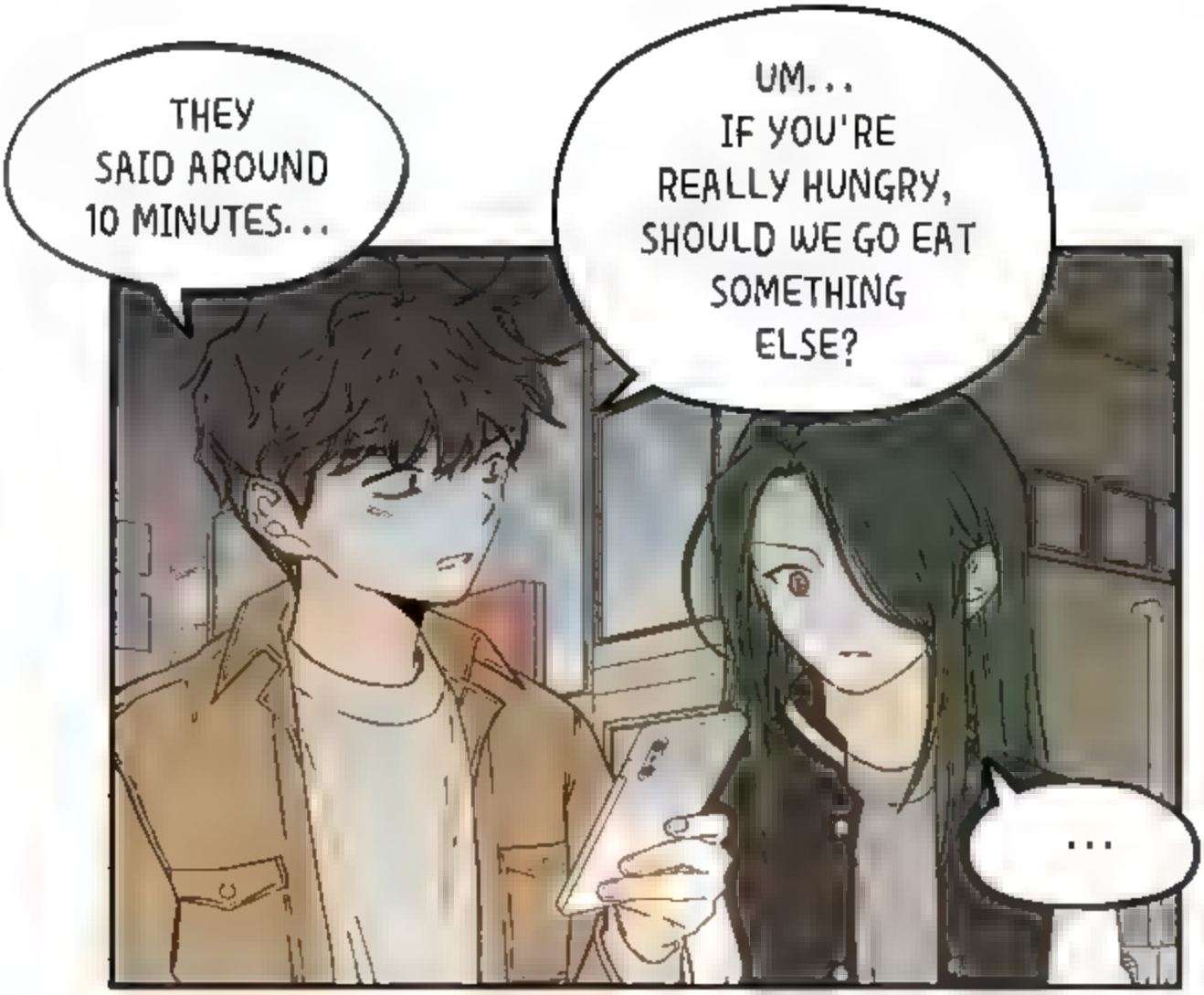

YOU'RE ALL GROWN UP NOW.

VROOOM
HMM?

HEY,
OVER HERE!
THE TASTY BEEF SPOT


HUH
IS THERE A WAITLIST?
THE LAST BEEFSP
WE SHOULD HAVE MADE A RESERVATION IN ADVANCE...
HOW-LONG

IS THE WAIT?


THEY SAID AROUND 10 MINUTES...
UM... IF YOU'RE REALLY HUNGRY, SHOULD WE GO EAT SOMETHING ELSE?
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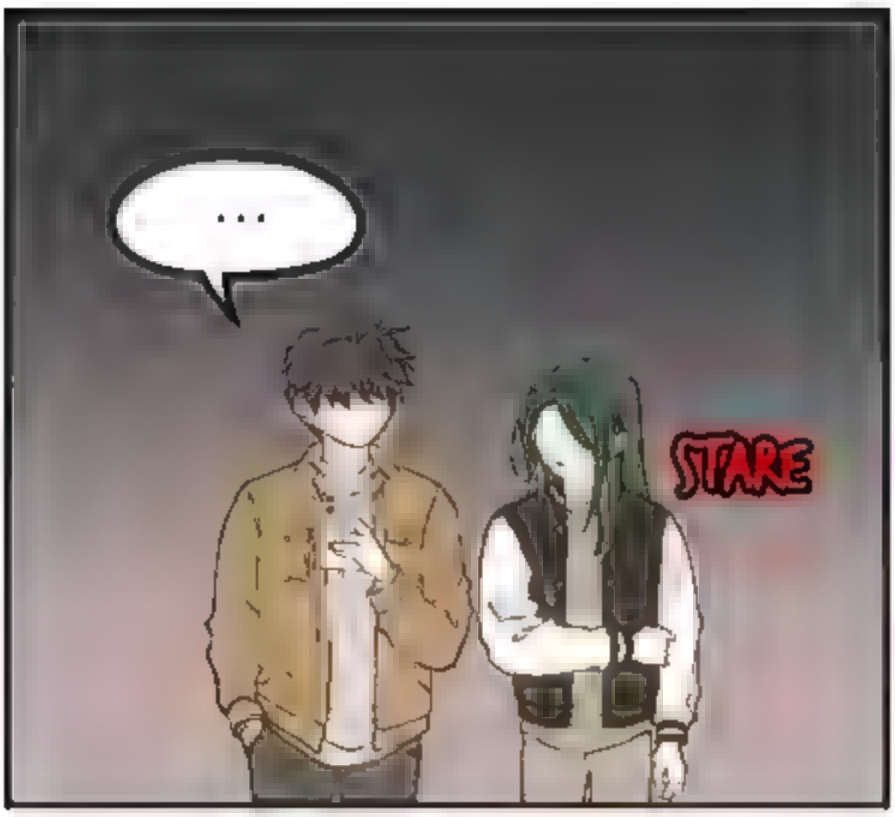
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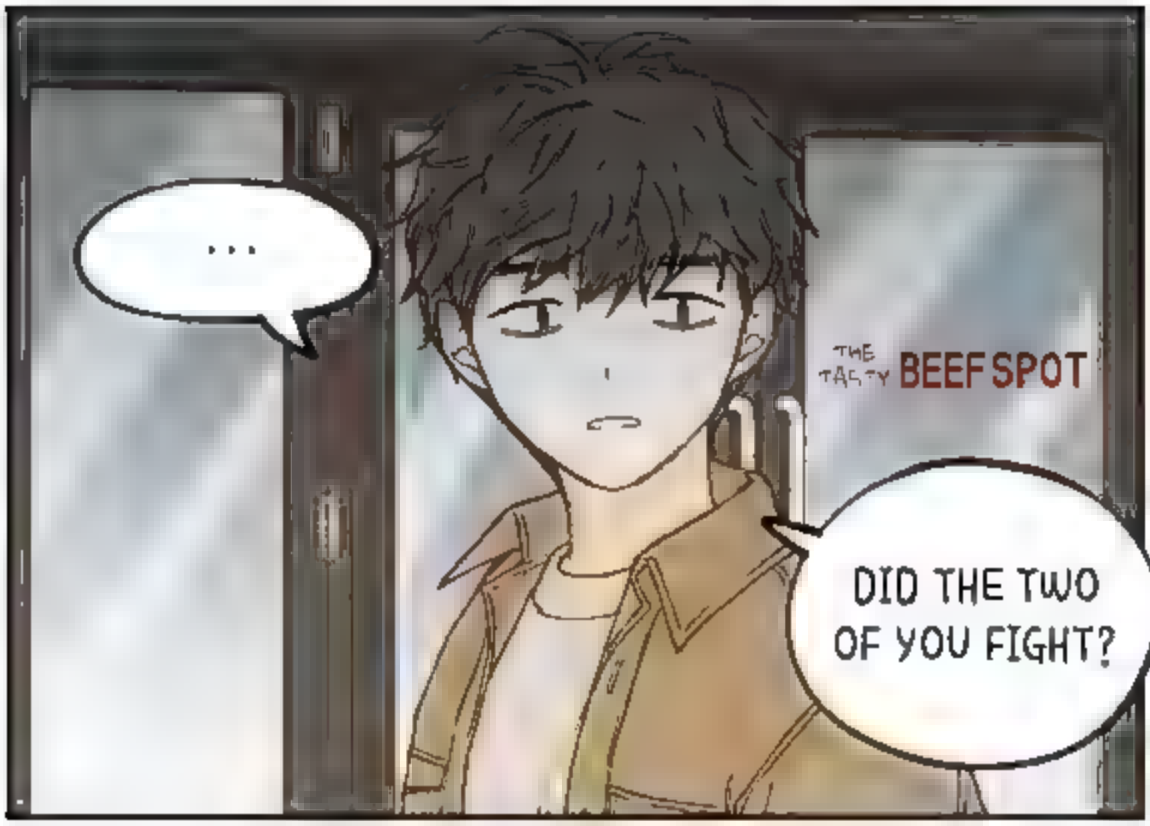
STARE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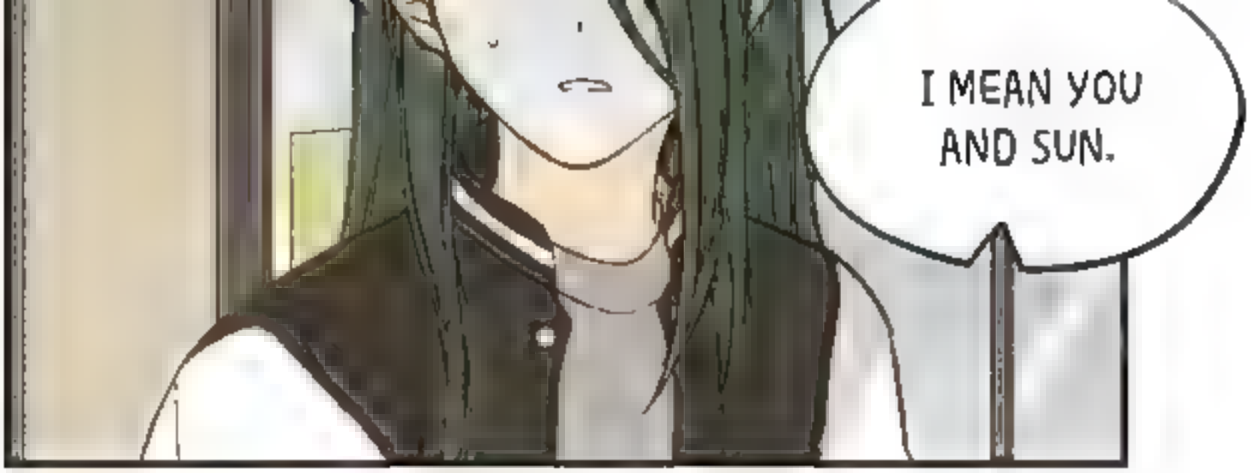
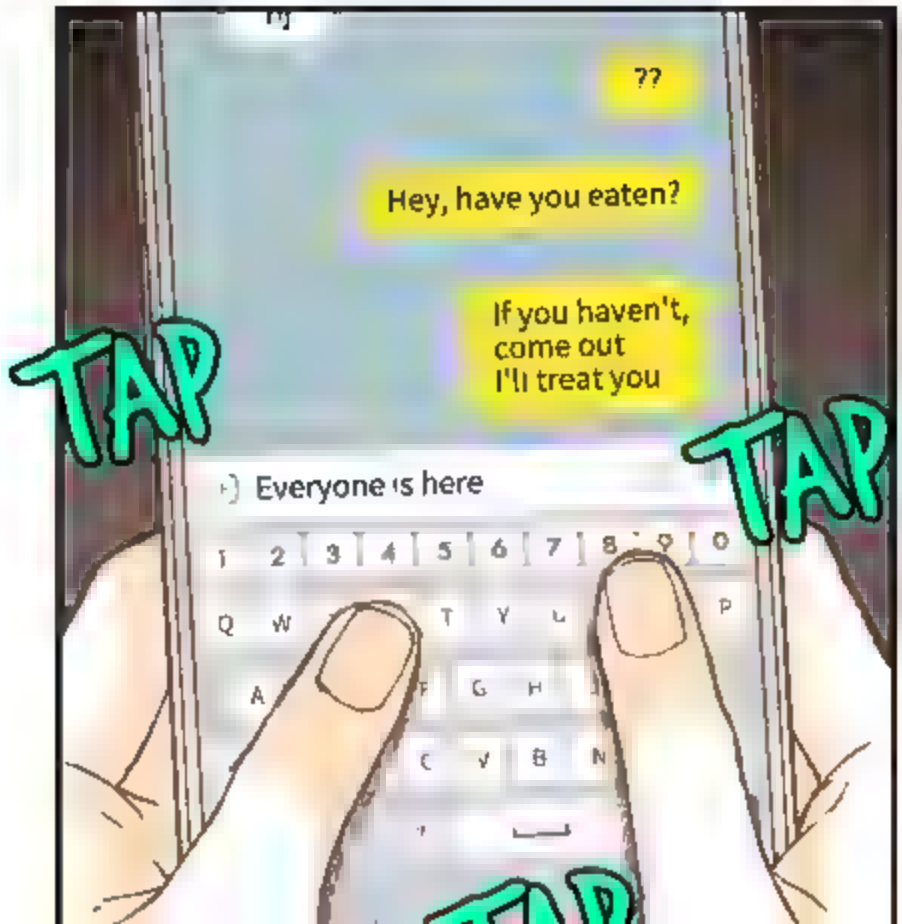
THE TASTY BEEF SPOT
DID THE TWO OF YOU FIGHT?

HUH...?


I MEAN YOU AND SUN.

IF YOU'RE SO WORRIED, DO YOU WANT ME TO TALK TO HER FOR YOU?
SHE'S NOT

THAT MEAN OF
A PERSON.
JUST MAKE UP
ALREADY.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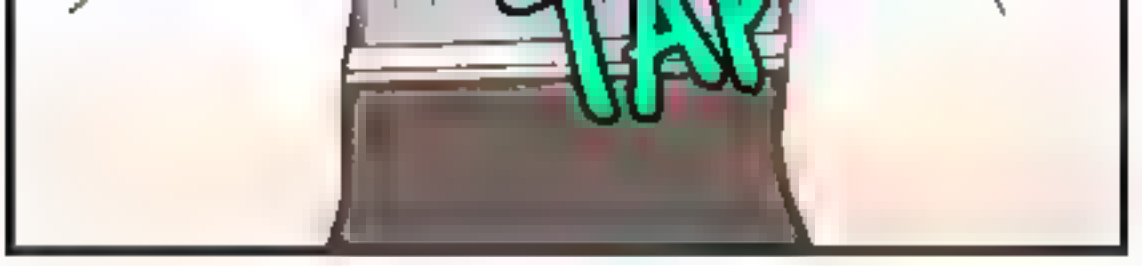
Hey, have you eaten?
If you haven't,
come out
I'll treat you
TAP
TAP
Everyone is here


TAP

H-HUH?
STARTLE
Sun Jeong
calling
BZZZ
WHY IS SHE CALLING...?

H-HELLO...?
WHAT?

...
HELLO...?
WHY AREN'T YOU SAYING ANYTHING?

SOB...

ARE YOU
CRYING...?